

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN
(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia
November 7, 2022

THE INAUGURAL MEETING of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2022-2026, was held at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street, in Slocan, B.C., on November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller (electronic)
Councillor Jordan Knott
Councillor Madeleine Perriere
Councillor Joanna Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Oath of Office: CAO Gordon administered the Oath of Office for the newly-elected members of Council.

Call to Order
Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

Waive Provision
2022/242 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

WHEREAS Council has established, by bylaw, provisions to govern the proceedings of Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 10.0 of the Village of Slocan Council Procedures Bylaw outlines provisions for location of Council meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provisions of the Village of Slocan Council Procedures Bylaw be waived for the Inaugural Meeting of Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 7:00pm, to allow for the meeting to be held at the Slocan Legion Hall.

Adopt Agenda
2022/243 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
 That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Minutes:
2022/244 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
 That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11th, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Recommendations:

Election Results
2022/245

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That the report from the CAO / Chief Election Officer, regarding the Official Election Results, Application to the Provincial Court for Judicial Recount and Court Hearing, and Ballot Accounts, be received for information.

Confidentiality
2022/246

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:

That Council members, not re-elected, be required to return all in-camera and/or confidential documents pertaining to the municipality and delete all confidential correspondence from their email accounts; and that the newly-elected Council be reminded of their duty to respect confidentiality during and after their term in office.

Meeting Schedule
2022/247

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That Council confirm the following as regular Council meeting dates for 2023:

Monday, January 9 th	Monday, May 8 th	Monday, September 11 th
Monday, February 13 th	Monday, June 12 th	*Tuesday, October 10 th
Monday, March 13 th	Monday, July 10 th	Monday, November 13 th
*Tuesday, April 11 th	Monday, August 14 th	Monday, December 11 th

Appointment of
Acting Mayors
2022/248

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That Council approve the following calendar for the appointment of Acting Mayors, listed in alphabetical order, for the four-year Council term of 2022-2026:

Councillor Buller	November 1 – January 31
Councillor Knott	February 1 – April 30
Councillor Perriere	May 1 – July 31
Councillor Van Bynen	August 1 – October 31

RDCK Appointments
2022/249

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That Mayor Lunn be appointed as the Village of Slocan Municipal Director to the Board of the RDCK; and that Councillor Buller be appointed as the Village of Slocan Alternate Director to the Board of the RDCK.

WKBRHD
2022/250

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That Mayor Lunn be appointed as the Village of Slocan Director to the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Board; and that Councillor Buller be appointed as the Alternate Director to the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Board.

Council Committee
Appointments
2022/251

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That the Mayor and/or Council members, as listed on the table below, be appointed to the committee, commission, or organization as Council liaison for the Village of Slocan:

COMMITTEE/BOARD	NEW APPOINTMENTS (APPOINTED / ALTERNATE)
RDCK Board Director	LUNN / BULLER
WKBRHD	LUNN / BULLER
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL)	KNOTT / BULLER
Community Forests / SIFCO Liaison	KNOTT / VAN BYNEN
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee	LUNN
Slocan Valley Housing Society Liaison	PERRIERE / KNOTT
SDCC Health Committee	BULLER / LUNN
Spirit of Slocan / Christmas Committee Liaison	VAN BYNEN / PERRIERE

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL	NEW APPOINTMENTS
Slocan Affordable Housing Commission	KNOTT / LUNN
Slocan Climate Action Commission	LUNN / VAN BYNEN
Slocan Fitness Center Committee	BULLER
Slocan Outdoor Recreation Commission	(revisit)
Slocan Owl Walk Commission	VAN BYNEN / LUNN
Slocan Wellness Center Health Advisory Commission	(revisit)

Campground
2022/252

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the 2022 Springer Creek RV Park & Campground Operator's Report be received as presented.

2022/253

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That pursuant to Clause 2.0 of the Springer Creek RV Park & Campground Service Agreement, the 2022 Contract be renewed for the 2023 season with Sandy Flynn, Sandy Hetherington, and Sandy Smith as operators, pending negotiation of wages.

2022/254

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That pursuant to section 90(c) of the *Community Charter*, that the request to increase operator remuneration be referred to In-Camera.

2022/255

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to look into internet options for the campground for the 2023 season.

2022/256

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the purchase of bike racks for the Campground be referred to 2023 budget discussions.

- 2023 Garbage Rates
2022/257
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council choose to increase the flat rate residential garbage fee by 6% for the 2023 billing cycle, and that staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw.
- 2022/258
- Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council choose to increase the garbage tag fee from \$3.00 per tag to \$3.50 per tag for the 2023 billing cycle, and that staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw.
- 2023 Water Rates
2022/259
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council choose to increase the water utility rates by 3% for the 2023 billing cycle.
- 2022/260
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw for water utility rates.
- Holiday Schedule
2022/261
- Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Village Office be closed from 9:00am on Monday, December 19th, 2022 until 9:00am on Monday, January 2nd, 2023, and that an ad be placed in the Valley Voice Newspaper and public posting places to notify the public.
- FF Bonus
2022/262
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council award \$500 to the Slocan Fire Department, as the Village's contribution towards their annual Christmas celebration, and that the Village provide each member with a complimentary annual Slocan Fitness Center pass for 2023.
- Requests:**
- WEGCSS Xmas
Hamper Program
2022/263
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council approve a \$600 grant from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the 2022 WEGCSS Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program.
- Tree Light-Up
2022/264
- Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council approve a \$500 grant from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the Spirit of Slocan's 2022 Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up Celebration.

Info Items:
2022/265

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – October 13, 2022
- b) Slokan Legion – Remembrance Day Service
- c) RDCK – Fundraising Goal to Purchase Land in Krestova Achieved
- d) RDCK – Referendum on Local Conservation Fund in Area H Passes
- e) RDCK – Official Election & Referendum Results Declared
- f) K. Conroy, Ministry of Forests – UBCM Appointment Response Letter
- g) RDCK – 2023 Tipping Fee Increase
- h) BC Rural Health Network – Rural Ambulance Service
- i) Columbia Basin Trust – 2022 Election Congratulations
- j) Interior Health – Continuing Connections with Communities
- k) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Responsible Conduct
- l) Online Course to Support Responsible Conduct
- m) Pending Changes to Electoral Boundaries

IHA
2022/266

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:

That Council invite Anchors to a future meeting to present information to Council on Naloxone program options in the Slokan Valley.

Electoral Boundary
Proposed Changes
2022/267

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That staff be directed to submit a response to the Electoral Boundaries Commission in opposition of the proposed boundary changes for the West Kootenays.

Bylaws:
Council
Remuneration
2022/268

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Village of Slokan Council Remuneration & Expense Bylaw, implementing the following:

- a) That effective April 1st, 2023 and every April 1st thereafter, Mayor and Councillor remuneration shall receive an annual adjustment based on the British Columbia Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by Statistics Canada, for the twelve-month period of January to December of the previous year. If the CPI for the preceding year is negative, the remuneration for the Mayor and Council will remain unchanged for the following year;
- b) That effective January 1st, 2023 and every January 1st thereafter, mileage resulting from the use of personal vehicles for Village business be reimbursed at the per kilometre rate set by the Canada Revenue Agency at January 1st of the current year; and
- c) That effective April 1st, 2023 and every April 1st thereafter, meal allowances shall be compensated at the rates set by the National Joint Council at April 1st of the current year. Meal allowances are only granted for meals required during travel that are not provided by a meeting or conference.

Reports:

Buller
2022/269

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center be received.

Mayor's Report
2022/270

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's Report for November 7, 2022 be received.

Adjournment
2022/271

Moved by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor